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that river. Some have maintained that he went beyond the confluence of the Ohio with the Mississippi. As the source of the Wabash is near the west end of Lake Erie, a voyage down that river would naturally lead to the discovery of the Ohio. Doubtless, then, the Wabash country was approached from Lake Erie and the Maumee river, as this route was followed in later journeyings of the French. After crossing the broad lakes in their slight boats and paddling up the Maumee to its source, they probably made a short portage of their canoes and camp luggage to the headwaters of the Wabash only a few miles distant."

In the next sentence all this is taken for established fact and the author goes on in her lively style to say, "No incident could appeal more to the imagination than this advent of those birch-bark canoes, filled with the denizens of countries overseas, paddling down the newly-discovered stream whose rippling waters had flowed for centuries through the vast forest all undreamed of by white men."

That is a beautiful sentence yet we do not know whether there was such an incident, whether there were any birch bark canoes, nor whether they were filled by denizens of any country. We may presume the "rippling waters", "vast forest" but whether "all undreamed of by white men" is an open question. This is pointed out merely to show that the volume is not to be tested by the rules of historical criticism. The passage quoted will also serve to show the literary excellence of the book.

Such chapters as "The Pioneers", "The Trail", "In the Forties and Fifties", "Letters and Art in Indiana", "Education in Indiana" are real literature. As a readable account of the development of our State, and an appreciation of the State and its folks Mrs. Levering has given us perhaps the best that we have.

L. E.

*History of Indiana.* By OSCAR H. WILLIAMS, Assistant Professor of Education in Indiana. D. C. Heath & Co., 1916; pp. 72.

THIS is a brief history of the state for the use of schools devoting only a limited amount of time to the subject. It was

written for the seventh and eighth grades. Necessarily only the important topics in the subject are noticed. It is divided into topics and each chapter has a list of suggestive questions and it is well illustrated. Professor Williams is a teacher of experience and it goes without proof that the subject is well handled in the brief space used. It should be found a most helpful little book for those teachers of the State who want a brief manual of the State's history.

THE *Memorial to the Pioneer Mother of Indiana* is the title of a small, thirty page pamphlet issued by a Ways and Means Committee of the Pioneer Mother Memorial Association and edited by Miss Charity Dye of the Indiana Historical Commission. It consists of a number of sentiments expressed by various Indiana authors. Its purpose is to aid in the collection of money to secure some kind of memorial to the pioneer mothers of the State. For sale by the W. K. Stewart Co., Indianapolis. Price 25 cents.

THE *Minnesota History Bulletin*, May 1916, has a detailed description of the new Minnesota Historical Society Building now in process of construction. The State of Minnesota appropriated \$500,000 for this building which, when completed, will hold about 50,000 volumes. The Society paid \$75,000 for the site. It is being built of granite and marble and is to be dedicated to the pioneers of the State whose historical remains it will house.

THE *Liberty Express* of June 15, 1916, is a Centennial number. It contains a number of valuable historical articles by Ellis Searles treating of the schools, agriculture, politics, statesmen, authors, transportation and various other phases of the State history. The edition is of 24 pages and printed in colors and interestingly illustrated.

THE *Commonwealth Review of the University of Oregon*, the second number of which was issued by the University, April, 1916, is a quarterly devoted to the discussion of State government and politics. It is non-political and most of its articles are written by State officers and members of the